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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : LASER WELDING FOR DRUM BASE  
Art Unit :  
Examiner :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application noted above as follows.

In the Drawings:

The Examiner's authorization is requested to allow a change to Figure 4, marked in red on the accompanying drawing sheet. The requested change is to show applicants' laser beam location for the recited Through Welding method.

In the specification:

Page 1, line 7, insert the following as a section heading :

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, line 22, insert the following paragraph:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A' The present invention provides a solution which is economical and which facilitates accurate drum mounting.--

Page 2, line 15, insert as a section heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--